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Patent Application of : Dirk K. SPRAKEL  
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Title of the Invention : A METHOD AND A DEVICE FOR  
FIREFIGHTING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REMOVE MULTIPLE DEPENDANT CLAIMS**

Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application, to remove all multiple dependencies as follows:

Please cancel Claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12, and substitute with the following new claims:

--13. (new) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the mist of firefighting liquid is applied in the form of several individual jets whose respective origin is in direct proximity to the origin of the jet of extinguisher foam.